

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A laminate ~~for use as a seal film~~ for sealing an electrolyte of a battery or as a protective film for protecting an electrode of a battery, comprising

a metal layer ~~an oxidatively or chemically surface-treated metal layer,~~

a surface-treated layer formed over the surface of the metal layer, which is an inert protective or passive film formed by oxidative or acid treatment of said metal layer, and

a layer of an adhesive resin comprised of a polyolefin modified by ~~[[a]]~~ carboxyl group or a derivative thereof, formed over ~~the said surface-treated metal layer~~ said surface-treated layer.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal layer is comprised of one or more metals selected from the group consisting of aluminum, nickel, copper, iron and alloys thereof.

6-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein the adhesive resin is a graft-modified polyolefin resin obtained by graft-copolymerizing a polyolefin resin with an ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid.

9. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 8, wherein the graft-modified polyolefin resin is a graft-modified polyethylene resin or a graft-modified

polypropylene resin.

10-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A seal film for sealing an electrolyte of a battery or a protective film for protecting an electrode of a battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in claim 1.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A seal film for sealing an electrolyte of a secondary battery or a protective film for protecting an electrode of a secondary battery, which film is made from the laminate as claimed in claim 1.

17-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ~~chemical treatment comprises treatment with an~~ inert protective film is formed by an acid treatment of said metal layer.

26. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 25, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of chromic acid, phosphoric acid, and mixtures thereof.

27. (Previously Presented) The laminate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said oxidative treatment comprises anodic oxidation.

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28-29. (Cancelled)